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To the Board of The Enrichmond Foundation,

I write today regarding the ongoing dissolution of the Enrichmond Foundation. Over the past three decades, Enrichmond has provided support to the City of Richmond's parks and has helped other local non-profits and citizens organizations in restoring, preserving, and improving Richmond's public resources. However, as news of the Foundation's dissolution has been released and as this process has continued to play out, I am concerned with the lack of communication and engagement with local stakeholders regarding next steps, and a lack of clarity regarding the accounting of Enrichmond funds and funds that were entrusted to the Foundation by other entities.

Recent news reports have indicated that the dissolution of the Foundation has thrown "nonprofits in limbo" and that the announcement has, in some cases, meant that "organizations can't pay bills, host events, and have no access to" funding. It is critical that those who entrusted Enrichmond with donations and relied on the Foundation for distribution of these funds be provided with adequate information regarding the availability of these funds as well as a full accounting of funds entrusted to Enrichmond.

Likewise, Enrichmond has received grant funding from the Federal Government, including in 2012 from the United States Department of Agriculture and in 2020 from the National Park Service. As you undertake steps to complete the dissolution of the Enrichmond Foundation, you must ensure that all federal funds granted to the Foundation are fully accounted for and ensure that these funds were allocated according to agreements in place with the relevant federal agencies.

As this process continues, plans must be put in place for the continued preservation and restoration of East End and Evergreen Cemeteries. These properties, hosting memorials for many of Richmond's notable historical residents and unfortunately neglected for so long, are among the most significant cultural assets associated with the City. In the Historic Evergreen Cemetery Master Plan, Enrichmond committed to a vision "To inspire present and future generations to honor the nation's African American cultural, historical, and spiritual inheritance." Plans must be put in place to ensure that this vision is followed through on and that these historic areas are protected.

I continue to receive inquiries from constituents regarding the fallout of the Enrichmond Foundation's dissolution, and I look forward to hearing from you on how you will be responsive to the community on the issues raised in this letter as well as who the best contact might be for community members regarding any questions they may have.

Sincerely,

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